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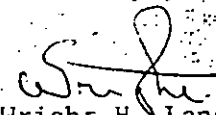
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Dear Pat:

Thanks for your quick reply to my request for historical information on development of plutonium protection guides. I knew you were not directly involved with JGH in the early days, but I also know of your zeal for collecting dusty records. I thought you just may have references to his early work on plutonium, particularly the old Chicago reports back in 1943 to 1946. The old CN-numbered reports of the Chicago project are now relegated to the dungeons and are hard to come by. I think I could find them if I knew the dates and numbers of those containing Joe's progress reports.

I have asked our classification group to look into downgrading LA-1151 from OUO to declassified. They are going to recommend downgrading but must get Washington's concurrence before it can be done. With the recent sensitization to plutonium as a general environmental pollutant, they just may be too conservative to go along. I will call you the minute I hear the outcome.

Sincerely yours,


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